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# Captain Alexander Fleming and Joyce, His Wife, Of "Westfalia," Rappahannock County, Virginia

"The FLEMINGS dwelt in FLANDERS where the argent rivers flow.  
They crossed the sea with WILLIAM I a thousand years ago."



THE Flemings were originally a Germanic tribe. The name "Fleming" signifies a native of Flanders. In "Domesday Book" several tenants-in-chief are designated Flanderensis, or native of Flanders (land of the Flemings).

"The statue of an armed knight, with a *fret* upon his shield; hands elevated in a praying posture; sword by his side, and legs across, may be seen in Furness Abbey, Lancashire, England, an ancient burial place of the Fleming family. It was placed there generations ago in memory of Sir John Le Fleming, a Crusader."

The surname of this illustrious family, according to the sentiments of the most approved historians and antiquarians, was at first assumed from a person of distinction, who, in the days of King David I, a Fleming by nation, transplanted himself into Scotland, and took the surname Flanderensis, or Le Fleming, from the country of his origin.

Robert Le Fleming, the direct and immediate ancestor of the earls of Wigton, was one of the great barons of Scotland, under King Edward I of England.

It was this Sir Robert who repaired to the standard of Robert the Bruce, and, with a few trusty friends, all brave men, accompanied him, whom they thought their lawful sovereign, in adventure at Dumfries, where they killed Sir John Cuming, and never rested till they set the crown upon the head of the immortal monarch, on the Feast of Annunciation, A. D. 1306. He was succeeded by his son, Sir Malcolm Fleming, Lord of Fulwood, also in great favor with the king, who made him a grant of land in Wigtonshire, and also Governor of Dumbarton Castle and sheriff of the county.

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He was succeeded by his son, Sir Malcolm Fleming, who was a forwarder and assister of the right and title of David II Brucian line. He also was Governor of Dumbarton Castle, and discharged the trust with the utmost fidelity. During the whole of the usurpation of Baliol, this castle was a place to which the royalists did freely, and with great security, resort. Here Sir Malcolm had the honor to shelter and protect, in that evil time, Robert, Lord High Steward of Scotland, afterwards King Robert II. "His Highness was graciously pleased in reward of Sir Malcolm's signal loyalty and fidelity in his service, to create him Earl of Wigton. The good earl fell sick and died soon after." He left his estates and title to his grandson, Thomas Fleming, second Earl of Wigton, who sold the Earldom in 1371/2.<sup>1</sup>

John, sixth Lord Fleming, born 1567, re-created Earl of Wigton, by James I at Whitehall, 19th March, 1606, the title "to last and continue to him and his heirs-male of lawful lineal descent in all time to come, on account of his distinguished services to the State and his personal affections to his Sovereign."\* He married Lady Lilius Graham, only daughter of John, third Earl of Montrose, and died 1619. They had four sons: 1. John, second Earl of Wigton. 2. James. 3. Malcolm. 4. Alexander. The latter renounced his provision of 10,000 merks from land of Cumbernauld to his brother, John, second Earl of Wigton, in May, 1620.

It has been stated that the immigrant ancestor of the Flemings of Virginia was "Sir Thomas Fleming, second son of the Earl of Wigton in Scotland," that he married a Miss Tarleton in England, and came to Virginia in 1616. But this statement cannot be correct, as John, second Earl of Wigton (died 1650), who married in 1609, Lady Margaret Livingstone, second daughter of Alexander, first Earl of Linlithgow, had no son Thomas, but had three sons: 1. John, third Earl of Wigton. 2. *Alexander*. 3. William.

John, fourth Earl of Wigton and ninth Lord Fleming, died without male issue, and the title passed to his brother, William, fifth Earl of Wigton, who died 1681. The title became dormant with his son, Charles, seventh Earl of Wigton, and twelfth Lord Fleming, born about 1675 and who died unmarried at Cumbernauld, 16 May, 1747. The title was then assumed by Charles Ross Fleming, M. D., of Dub-

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1. Seaver: "Fleming Family Records," p. 3. Teetor: "The Fleming Family," published in "The Great Divide," Chicago, Illinois, December, 1893.

\*Fleming: "Flemish Influence in Britain," Vol. II, p. 268.





*The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>: The Earl of  
Wigtown Lord Fleming and  
Cumbernuld*





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lin, Ireland, who claimed descent through Alexander Fleming, fourth son of John, first Earl of Wigton. He, however, failed to furnish proof of his descent. He died in 1769, and in 1777, his son Hamilton Fleming, asserted his title to the Earldom, but in 1782 his claim was rejected by the House of Lords.<sup>2</sup>

The first Fleming of whom any record is found in Virginia, is Alexander Fleming, who came to Virginia in 1649-50, with other adherents of Charles I and who on August 6, 1655, purchased land in Lancaster County, Virginia, from William Moseley, a resident of that county. The conveyance was witnessed by George Rowles and recorded "ye iv day of 9<sup>ber</sup> 1655 Pr me W<sup>m</sup> Stanford," on page 214, "Lancaster County Deeds, &c., 1652-57."

As nothing further is known of the history of Alexander Fleming, second son of the Earl of Wigton, it is possible that he is identical with Alexander Fleming, the Virginian immigrant of 1649-50.

In 1658, Alexander Fleming was granted 250 acres of land on the north side of Rappahannock River, in Rappahannock County, Virginia, for transporting five persons into the Colony, and in 1662, Sir William Berkeley, Knt., granted him 400 acres of land lying between the south side of Silvester Thatcher's Creek and the "land whereon the sd. Fleming now liveth," for transporting eight persons into the Colony:

Jno. Wright	Wm. Taylour
Margarett Edderman	Eliz. Weekes
Finniell Danah (?)	Ann Stokes
Jno. Mill	Roger Reeves
Phillip Pascall	Roger Read
Tho. Stone	Wm. Jones <sup>3</sup>
Jno. Mason	

March 18, 1662, he was granted 800 acres of land on the north side of Rappahannock River, Lancaster County. ("Patent Book 5," page 341.)

In March, 1664, "Captain" Alexander Fleming seems to have been granted his first land on the south side of Rappahannock River, lying on the "upper side of the Cove of the bay opposite to a poynt between Nanzemond and Nansatequond towne, adjoining upon the

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2. "Scots Peerage," Vol. VIII, pp. 545-58. Hunter: "Biggar and The House of Fleming."

3. Nugent: "Cavaliers and Pioneers," Vol. I, pp. 384, 419.

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northwest with Cedars Creek, which divides this and land of John Gillet, &c., granted Clem<sup>t</sup>. Herbert 21 April 1657, by him deserted and granted said Fleming upon petition, by order of the Governour and Council 28 March, 1664."

Subsequently he was granted the following land: 200 acres on the south side of Rappahannock River, January 25, 1666, for transporting four persons, by name Jno. Davis, Tho: Horton, Dorothy Hart and David Parker. ("Patent Book 6," page 23); April 17, 1667, 2,750 acres on the south side of Rappahannock River, for transporting fifty-five people:

Marg <sup>tt</sup> Rawlins	ffran. Jones
Geo: ?	W <sup>m</sup> Crofts
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Harford	Sam <sup>l</sup> Woke
Mary Hunt	Nick Spence
Dan <sup>ll</sup> Will <sup>ms</sup>	Elias Woodbridge
Dennis Sharpe	Jn <sup>o</sup> Worlock
Nich. Spenser	Jane Vatter
Math Hamer	Mary Wood
W <sup>m</sup> Thomson	Daniell Parker
Rob <sup>t</sup> Levin	Walter Williams
Rich. Palmer	Garheed Sparkes
Sam <sup>l</sup> Price	Jn <sup>o</sup> Hutchinson
Robt. fleming	Dennis Watkins
Jn <sup>o</sup> Greene	Mary Spruce
Tho: Wood	James Bruce
Richd. Parker	ffrancis Pye
ffrancis Willis	Martin Woodliffe
Henry Mills	Nicholas Wilks
Benjamin Daniell	Grace Andrews
Lawrence Meeker	Symon Gray
Michaell Wailler	Jn <sup>o</sup> Horton
Rob <sup>t</sup> Spurtin	Stephen Michaell
Alice Potter	Jn <sup>o</sup> Miller
James Robins	Dan <sup>ll</sup> Diskins
Silves <sup>tr</sup> Thatcher	Hen. Vandulott
Dorothy Thatcher	Henry Sanders
An <sup>o</sup> Downe	(Illegible)
W <sup>m</sup> Hope	

("Patent Book 6," page 62.)





DUMBARTON CASTLE (WEST SIDE) ABOUT 1685





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September 4, 1667, he patented 560 acres of land "in the ffreshes of Rappahannock County about two miles from y<sup>e</sup> river" for transporting twelve persons whose names are given hereunder:

Lawe. ffletcher	Marmaduke Harwar
James Bird	Sam <sup>l</sup> Briggs
Jno. Aster	An Smith
Joane Claydon	An Lon———
Alice Ayers	Ant. Champion
Eliz. Clayton	Henry Hoster

("Patent Book 6," page 183.)

To these patents he added continually by purchase until his holdings on the Rappahannock became extensive, and here he built the Mansion House, naming it "Westfalia," in memory of the Fatherland of his ancestors.

He married three widows (one at a time) and to his already large estate added their widows' dowers.

In the seventeenth century in Virginia, a lonely widow seldom remained one long, unless by choice. In many cases, the "loving friend" named by the deceased husband as executor of his estate, consoled his relict by proposing marriage, probably in some instances as a means of protecting the widow and her children from being scalped by the Indians, but more often it was the large estate left to her by her husband that they desired to add to their plantations which caused Cavaliers of Colonial Virginia to marry widows in preference to the maidens of that day.

Captain Alexander Fleming married, first, Ursula Browne, widow of John Browne, "late of Accomacke, Dec<sup>d</sup>." At what date he married her is not known, but she certainly was his wife by the 11th of August, 1659. In her widowhood she had purchased land of William Smart, Gent., 29 May, 1656, and on 11 August, 1659, Alexander Fleming and wife, Ursula, made an agreement with John Nuthall, of London, Merchant, attorney for Robert Ingram, executor of the will of Joseph Ingram, deceased:

THIS BILL BINDETH me Allex Fleming of the County of Rapp<sup>a</sup>. my heirs or assignes to pay or cause to be paid unto M<sup>r</sup> John Nuthall


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4. John Browne's will, dated August 20, 1654; proved January 20, 1655, in Accomac County, Virginia: Wife, Ursula; sons, John, Thomas, and Stephen Browne; daughters, Mary (under twelve years of age), Sarah, and Elizabeth Browne. ("Will Book 5.")

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of London merchant for the use of M<sup>r</sup> Robert Ingram or his heirs of S<sup>t</sup>. Ives in Huntington Sheire Baker the full & just Sum of Six thousand four hundred pounds of good sound Bright merchantable Virginia Tobacco in Leaf with sufficient Cask to contain the same & pick<sup>t</sup> & Culd according to act of Assembly this Tobacco being to be paid at the now dwelling plantation of Alex Fleming in the Freshes of Rappahannock upon the tenth day of November next which will be in the year of our Lord 1660 & for the better Security of payment of the aforesaid Debt or sum of Tobacco I the said Allexander Fleming with the Consent of my Loving wife Ursula Fleming do bind over our Land & plantation we now live on withall the houseing thereunto & upon belonging being a parcell of Land bought of M<sup>r</sup> William Smart by my said wife Ursula Fleming & rendered up into the hands & possession of Alex Fleming & his heirs by me Ursula Fleming for Ever we the said Allexander Fleming & Ursula Fleming bind over the aforesaid Land with the said houseing & appurtenances thereunto belonging unto M<sup>r</sup> John Nuthall for the use of M<sup>r</sup> Robert Ingram & his heirs for the full terme of Ninety nine years more over I Ursula Fleming purely & freely bind over all my right & title of the Land aforesaid unto M<sup>r</sup> John Nuthall & his heirs or order for the use of M<sup>r</sup> Robert Ingram or his assigns for the full term of Ninety nine years from me & my heirs that is to say all my part as to Dower or thirds unto me belonging & to the true performance hereof we hereunto set our hands & seals jointly & Severally this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1659

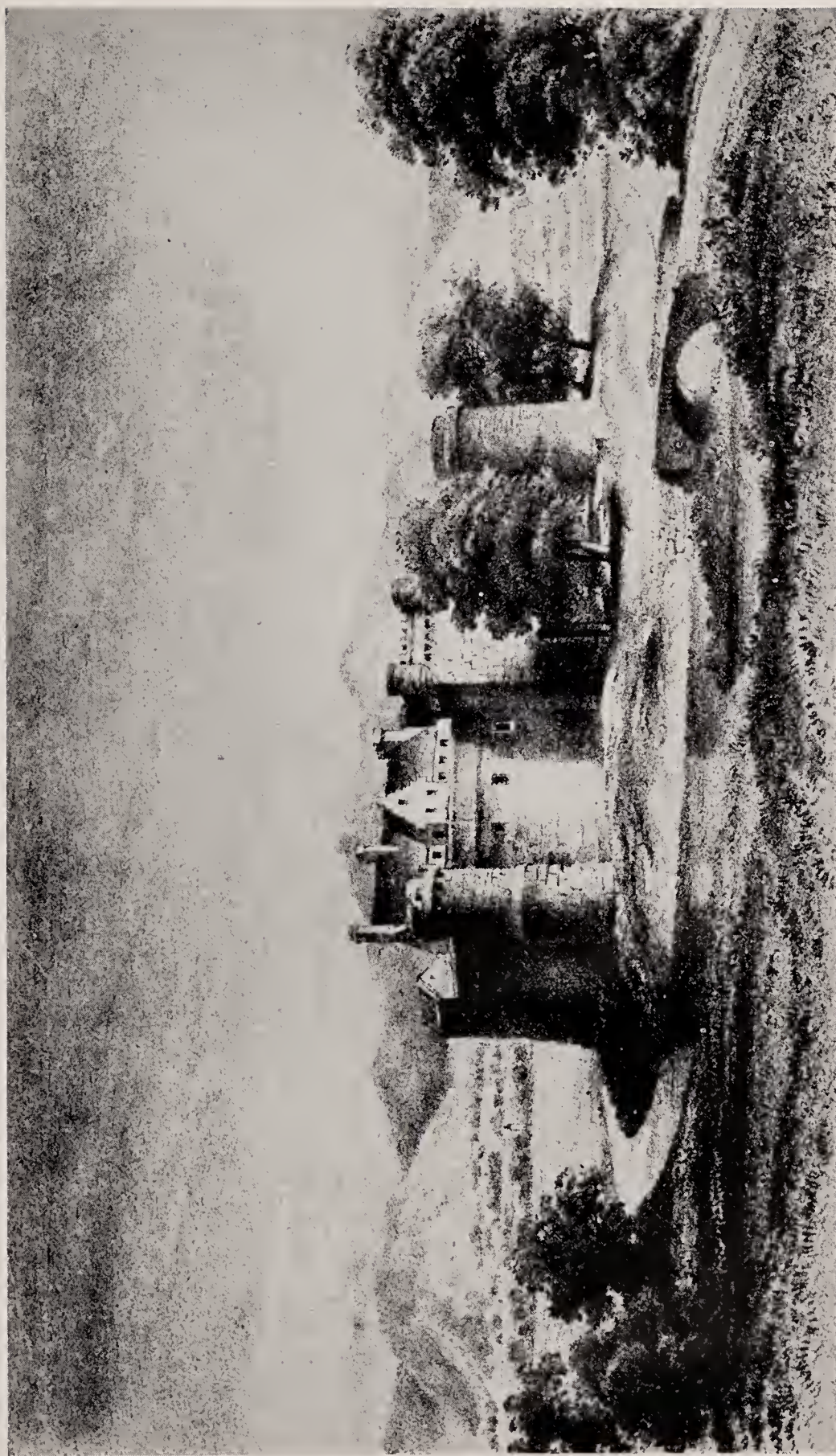
Signed sealed & Delivered  
in the presence of

JOHN  HUSS his mk  
JOHN COOPER

ALEX FLEMING      Seale  
                                Signum  
URSULA V FLEMING      Seale

I John Nuthall of Accomack gent. Att<sup>o</sup>. of M<sup>r</sup> Robert Ingram of S<sup>t</sup>. Ives in huntingsheir do Constitute ordaine & appoint my Loving Friend M<sup>r</sup> John Hall of Rappahannock merchant my true & Lawfull Attorney to arrest & implead to Judgment Mr Allexander Fleming of the County of Rappahannock late husband of Ursula Fleming the widdow of Mr. John Browne of Accomack & Ex<sup>x</sup> to her said decd husband Mr John Browne of the County of Accomack for a debt due as may appear by Specialty under both their hands to the said Ingram & upon Composition with the said Fleming I do hereby authorise my said Attorney to resigne to & possesss the said Fleming his heirs Ex<sup>rs</sup> & assigns with a parcell of Land being formerly bound over by the





BOGHALL CASTLE, ANCIENT HOME OF THE LORDS FLEMING





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said M<sup>r</sup> Fleming & Ursula his wife for the said Debt for the terme of ninety nine years according to the said bill & what my said Attorney shall act or do in the premisses I do hereby ratify & Confirme to be as Authentique in Law as if I myself were personally present & did it myself In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand & seale this 22<sup>d</sup> of February 1660

Witness

JOHN NUTHALL Seale

EDMOND DOBSON

SIGNUM S T SILVESTER THACHER

Recordat the 23<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1661 P me

Wa: Granger Cl Cur Rapp<sup>a</sup>.

("Rappahannock County Deed Book 2," pp. 174-75.)

In 1664, Thomas Browne, of the County of Accomac, appointed his "loving friend" Thomas Mapes, his attorney to acknowledge his release of the above land to his stepfather, Captain Alexander Fleming:

KNOW ALL MEN by these Presents that I Thomas Browne of the County of Accomack in Virg<sup>a</sup> for divers considerations me hereunto especially moving and in consideration of two Servants to me to be paid as is expressed by two bills bearing date with these presents do hereby give and grant all my right title and interest of a pattent of Six hundred & sixty acres of Land formerly William Yarrits and sold by the said William Yarrit to M<sup>r</sup>. Smart & by him assigned to my loving Mother Ursula Brown alias Fleming as by y<sup>e</sup> sd assignm<sup>t</sup> may appear NOW KNOW YE that I Thomas Brown do deliver up all my right of the sd Land from me & my heirs unto my ffather in Law<sup>5</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup>. Alex Fleming & his heirs & assignes for ever w<sup>th</sup>all y<sup>e</sup>. apptences of & belonging to the s<sup>d</sup>. Land I say from me & my heirs In witness to the abovesaid premisses I hereunto set my hand & Seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of february A<sup>o</sup>. 1664.

Signed Sealed & Deliver'd

THOMAS BROWN Seal

in the presence of

ROB<sup>T</sup>. MAPES

JOHN GAINES

WILL HOGGE

("Rappahannock County Wills, Deeds, &c., No. 1, 1665-77," pp. 83-84.)

April 19, 1660, Alexander Fleming and wife, Ursula, of Rappahannock County, acknowledge in court their deed of conveyance to

5. A term used in the seventeenth century for stepfather, a usage which has proved a stumbling block to many writers.



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William Wilson, of the same County. ("Rappahannock County, Deed Book 2," p. 126.)

Within less than a year after the recording of this deed, bereaved of his wife, Ursula, Alexander Fleming was seeking another bride, and found her in the person of Elizabeth Clapham, made a widow the second time by the death of her husband, William Clapham, Jr., of Lancaster County.

William Clapham, Jr., had married Elizabeth, the widow of Epaphroditus Lawson, who, in 1633, was living in Nansemond County, Virginia. His will, dated 31 March, and probated June, 1652, in Lancaster County, was recorded nearly one hundred years later, in Essex County, Virginia, "Will Book 6," page 420. In his will he makes provision for an unborn child, which proved to be a daughter, christened Elizabeth, who was an infant in arms when her mother married William Clapham, Jr.:

"At a Court holden for Lancaster at y<sup>e</sup> house of M<sup>r</sup> James Bagnell on y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of October 1652.

	M <sup>r</sup> Toby Smith	M <sup>r</sup> Andrew Gilson
Present	M <sup>r</sup> James Bagnell	M <sup>r</sup> Richard Loes
	M <sup>r</sup> David ffox	
	M <sup>r</sup> Geo: Taylor	

The Court hath ordered y<sup>t</sup> accordinge to instructions under y<sup>e</sup> hand of y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>, y<sup>e</sup> Gouven<sup>r</sup> y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Sheriff of this Countie doe deliv<sup>r</sup> & put into y<sup>e</sup> possession of W<sup>m</sup> Clapham Juni<sup>r</sup> who married y<sup>e</sup> relict of Epaphroditus Lawson all such Estate or Estates in Lands Chattles Chattles (sic) or seruants as are specified in a morgage of sale made ouer Unto Rich: Benett Esq<sup>r</sup> from y<sup>e</sup> said Epapro: Lawson."

("Lancaster County Deeds, &c., 1652-57," pp. 15-16.)

In compliance with the foregoing order of the Court, Richard Bennett transferred the property to William Clapham, Jr., in the following words:

"Know all men by these p<sup>r</sup>sents y<sup>t</sup> I Richard Bennett of Virginia March<sup>tt</sup> doe hereby make over & Assigne unto W<sup>m</sup> Clapham y<sup>e</sup> Younger all y<sup>e</sup> right tytle & Interest y<sup>t</sup> I have & w<sup>ch</sup> to me belongs in an Estate of Land Seruants Cattle hogs & househould goods and whatsoever else y<sup>t</sup> is Exprest in a writinge of Mortgage Dated y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill as 1651 by M<sup>r</sup> Epapro: Lawson Deced for fortie Thousand pounds of tobacco & Caske as in & by y<sup>e</sup> sd writinge may & doth appeare Exceptinge two thousand acres of Land upwards in Rapa-

Know all men of these parts that I Richard Bennett of Virginia  
 do hereby make and assign unto my son Richard  
 my younger all of right by the gift of I have in and to  
 in an estate of land I owneth called Rye plantation good and  
 what is called y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of April in a writing of mortgage dated  
 y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> day of April of 1652 by the said Richard Bennett  
 for his son and heirs of blood called at my said writing  
 maye 16<sup>th</sup> of April 1652. I have in and to the said  
 land in Rye plantation y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of April 1652  
 thousand acres that of to Richard Bennett for and  
 the other thousand acres to be entered and added for the  
 y<sup>e</sup> daughter of y<sup>e</sup> said Richard Bennett to be in and to  
 that she is fifteen years of age but if that she not so long  
 then y<sup>e</sup> it shall be long to have y<sup>e</sup> said Richard Bennett  
 his heir

And the said Richard Bennett do hereby mentione in y<sup>e</sup> said  
 writing shall be a bond to y<sup>e</sup> said Richard Bennett  
 for the said Richard Bennett for and in consideration of the said  
 thousand acres of land called to be paid for the said  
 at 3 p<sup>er</sup> cent y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of the said Richard Bennett following after the said  
 the said Richard Bennett yearly.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1652

In presence of

Richard Bennett

R. Bennett

his seal

It is further provided and agreed y<sup>e</sup> if the said Richard Bennett for any cause  
 of land lying downeast in the said Rye plantation do not include y<sup>e</sup> said  
 y<sup>e</sup> said Richard Bennett may be for y<sup>e</sup> said Richard Bennett to be added  
 not to be added for him in his writings of y<sup>e</sup> said Richard Bennett to be added  
 belong to y<sup>e</sup> said Richard Bennett the said Richard Bennett for and in  
 y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of April 1652  
 Richard Bennett  
 at Rye plantation in Virginia y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of April 1652





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hanock rive<sup>r</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> is to be disposed thus Viz one thousand acres thereof to Rich Lawson & his heirs for euer the other thousand Acres to be entered & recorded for Eliza: y<sup>e</sup> Daughter of y<sup>e</sup> afors<sup>d</sup> Epaphroditus to her & her heirs in Case shee liue to fifteen Yeares of age but if shee liue not soe longe then y<sup>t</sup> it shall belonge to him y<sup>e</sup> aforesd W<sup>m</sup> Clapham and his heirs

All w<sup>ch</sup> Lands Seruants Cattle goods as mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> aboue said writinge shall bee & come to y<sup>e</sup> aforesd W<sup>m</sup> Clapham his heires Execut<sup>rs</sup> Admist<sup>rs</sup> & Assignes for euer in Consideracion of thirtie Six thousand pounds of tobacco & Caske to be pd as followeth Six thousand thereof readie downe upon all demands & y<sup>e</sup> other 30 thousand at 3 paym<sup>ts</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 3 ensueinge Yeares followinge after this Viz<sup>t</sup> tenn thousand pounds Yearly.

In Witness whereof I haue heare Unto set my hand & seale y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> day of 7<sup>ber</sup> 1652.

RI: BENNETT

In p<sup>r</sup>sence of

the seale

RICHARD LAWSON

It is further Condicond & Agreed y<sup>t</sup> if M<sup>r</sup> Lawsons Pattent for 1000 acres of land Lying Lowermost in Rapahanock rive<sup>r</sup> be not included in y<sup>e</sup> Mortgage to me y<sup>t</sup> then y<sup>e</sup> same may be for y<sup>e</sup> Child in lieu of y<sup>e</sup> 1000 acres w<sup>ch</sup> was reserved for her in his writinge & y<sup>e</sup> sd 1000 Acres aboue to belonge to y<sup>e</sup> sd W<sup>m</sup> Clapham & his heirs for euer Witness my hand y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>ber</sup> 1652

Witness JOHN SCAPES

RI: BENNETT

Recogin<sup>r</sup> in Curia 10<sup>th</sup> January

et Recordat 12<sup>o</sup> die Janarij 1652 [1653] Teste Jo: Philips.

("Lancaster County Deeds, &c., No. 1, 1652-57," page 31.)

On July 15, 1658, William Clapham, Jr., and wife, Elizabeth, of Lancaster County, Virginia, appointed their friend Alexander Fleming, of Rappahannock County, their attorney to acknowledge in court a deed of conveyance to Captain William Underwood, of Rappahannock County, to one tract of land lying on the north side of the river, assigned to William Clapham, Jr., by William Smart. ("Rappahannock County Deed Book No. 2," page 42.)

William Clapham, Jr., in his will dated January 16, 1659, bequeaths to his son, William Clapham, 200 acres of land on Fleet's Bay, and all other estate to be divided between his wife Elizabeth, son William, daughter Anne and "my other little infant that my sd. wife goes with." He made his wife, Elizabeth Clapham, and his "brother-in-law," Thomas Madestard, executrix and executor of his will, which was proved in Lancaster County, June 16, 1660, and recorded in "Book of Deeds, &c., 1654-66," page 75.

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February 5, 1660-61, Alexander Fleming, of Rappahannock County, made an agreement with John Barrow, to sell 643 acres of land in Rappahannock County, which formerly had been granted to Walter Dickenson, 6 September, 1655, adjoining land now in the tenor of Alexander Fleming, and "he did warrant the same free from the dower of his wife, Elizabeth Fleming." ("Rappahannock County Deed Book 2," pages 176, 268.)

September 9, 1661, Alexander Fleming was one of the Coroner's Jury impaneled to inquire into the deaths of several persons "lately murdered at the house of Richard White in the ffreshes of Rappahannock County." ("Rappahannock County Deed Book 2," pages 201-02.)

July 10, 1662, Alexander Fleming, Gent., and Elizabeth, his wife, of Rappahannock County, deed 200 acres of land in said county to Mr. Francis Doughty, Clerk, for a consideration of 3,000 pounds of tobacco. ("Rappahannock County Book of Wills, Deeds, &c., No. 1," page 254.)

There is a power of attorney recorded in Rappahannock County, dated January 1, 1666, by which Captain Juniper Plover appoints Captain Alexander Fleming his attorney to acknowledge a deed to Henry Reeves, heir-at-law of Mr. Robert Sharp.

From the following document it appears that by July 3, 1666, Captain Alexander Fleming had lost his second wife, Elizabeth:

WHEREAS I, Wm Harper of the County of Rappa. hath in my possession and keeping two Cows and two Cow Calves belonging pply to my Daughter Eliza. Harper being the Increase of one Cow given to her formerly by her God Mother Mrs. Eliza. Clapham, and the Late Wife of Mr. Alex. Fleming the marks of the sd Cattle being mrked as Vizt: Cropt on both Eares w<sup>th</sup> two slitts in ye Right Eares and a half moone in the left the two Cows going by the Name of Patch and Nancey the one a Browne Cow & wt. Flank and the other a Blacke Cow wch. said Cattle aforesd. I desire may be Recorded for the ppr Use and Accompt of my Daughter Elizabeth aforesd to wch End I Wm. Harper by these pnts have Constituted Ordained & appoynted in my place and steed my trusty and Loveing Friend John Ryman my true and Lawfull Attorney to Acknowledge & surrendr: up in Court for my Use the aforemenconed Catle wth. all the Increase to and for the Use and pp<sup>r</sup>. Accompt of my Daughter Eliza Radifying & Confirming Allowing wt. my sd Attorney shall doe or Cause to be Done in the Execucon of the Premises as if my selfe were personally



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psent in Testimony whereof I have sett my hand and seale this 3d day  
of July 1666

Signed Sealed  
& Deliv'd in pts of Us

EDWARD ROWZEE

RICHARD GOODE

Recognits. in Cur Com Rappa. 4 Die July Anno. Domi. 1666

Recordat X<sup>o</sup> Die Ejusds Mensis Ano. Supsd.

Test

Exa

ROBT: DAVIES Cl Cur Sd

A Copy—Teste:

A. D. LATANE, Clerk.

("Rappahannock County Book of Deeds, &c., No. 3," page 63.)

Captain Alexander Fleming married, as his third wife, at some time between July, 1666, and September, 1667, Joyce Hoskins,<sup>6</sup> apparently a daughter of Captain William Jones, and the rich and attractive widow of Anthony Hoskins, of Accomac County, who came to Virginia in the "George," 1635,<sup>6</sup> aged 22 years, and, therefore, born *circa* 1613. Anthony Hoskins was granted 700 acres of land in Northampton County, in 1652, for transporting himself, Alice Hoskins, and twelve other persons into the Colony of Virginia.<sup>7</sup> In the same year he was a member of the General Assembly for Northampton County. In his will, dated 19 July, 1665, and probated 16 August, 1665, he makes his eldest daughter Elizabeth (under age of 16), his sole heir: daughter, Ann; wife, Joyce, executrix, and wished her to have the use of his plantation for life; . . . ; Father, Captain William Jones, and friend, Lt. Col. William Waters, Supervisors of his will. That the testator was not without anxiety about leaving his wife and daughters alone in this savage country, is shown by the following pathetic plea to the Supervisors of his Will: "I desire them for God sake to assist my wife & Children."<sup>8</sup>

As a matter of fact, they were soon relieved of the responsibility for the two daughters, Elizabeth and Anne Hoskins, went to live with their mother, Joyce, at "Westfalia," Rappahannock County, Virginia. Here they found ample protection. Captain Alexander Fleming was prominently identified with the affairs of the country; a Justice of the

6. Hotten, p. 124, who gives his name as "Ant<sup>o</sup> Hodgskins."

7. Nugent: "Cavaliers and Pioneers," Vol. I, p. 264.

8. Nottingham: "Wills & Administrations, Accomac Co., Va., 1663-1800," Vol. I, p. 1, who gives his name as "Anthony Hodgkins."

x See Article "The Ancestry of Joyce, The  
Second wife of Captain Lawrence Washington  
of Rappahannock County, Virginia." (The Virginia  
Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. XLIX - No. 2,  
April, 1941, p. 191.)

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Peace, Captain of the Militia and a member of the Vestry for Sittingbourne Parish.

A deed of gift made by Robert Payne, Sr., in 1668, to Captain Alexander Fleming's daughters, Alexia and Elizabeth Fleming, shows by that date they had a daughter christened—Elizabeth Fleming.

KNOW ALL MEN by these pnts that I Robt. Payne of the County of RAPP<sup>A</sup>. IN VIRGINIA out of the verry true Love and Harty affection wch. I Bare unto Alexia Fleming Daughter of Capt. Alex: & Elizabeth Fleming of the same County doe for me my heires Executors. & admrs. freely give Deliver assigne Over firmly Clearly & absolutely into the Hands of Capt. Alex: Fleming for the use of Alexia Fleming as her pper Estate One Wall Eyed mare Filly wth. all her future increase called By the Naime of Pyball (Vizt.) to her the said Alexia Fleming her heires and ass's or Order for Evmore shee the said Alexia allowing and granting to her Father Capt. Alex: Fleming all the male increase that shall come of the sd. mare filly PyBall till Alexia shall attaine to the Aige of twelve yeares and that then as aforesaid shee shall enjoy all Both male and Femaile to her and her heirs for Evmore But in case it should so please Almighty God that the said Alexia should Depart this life Before shee Come to Be twelve yeares of aige or Before Marriage that then I give the sd. mare wth. increase unto Elizabeth the now Daughter of Alex: and Joyce Fleming to her and her Heires &c as amply and Freely as if Alexia had lived or may Be Collected out of the abovesd. grant to Alexia her heires &c. from me Robt. Payne my heires and assignes &c for Evmore But in case that the said Elizabeth Fleming should alsoe Depart this Life Before shee attaine to the aige of twelve yeares or marriage then I Order the aforesd. mare & increase to be at full power and Disposing By Sale guift or otherwise of the Chiefe Parent then Liveing as they then shall thinke meete alwayes pvided their Be noe heire apparent to Alexia nor Elizabeth Fleming and for the more Fuller confirmacon of this Deed and Guift I hereunto Subscribe my hand and Seale this first Day of September ano. 1668.

Signed Sealed and  
Deliv'd in ptns of Us

RO. PAYNE Seale

ROBERT MAPES

Signe

JOHN B BARROW

Recognitt. in Cur Com Rappa. 3<sup>o</sup> Die 7bris 1668

Recordat<sup>r</sup> X<sup>o</sup>. Die Ejus Mensis Ano. Suped.

Test RO PAYNE Cl Cur

A Copy—Teste:

A. D. LATANE, Clerk.

(“Rappahannock County Book of Deeds, &c., No. 3,” pp. 504-05.)



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The same day, Captain Alexander Fleming, Gent., of Rappahannock County, "out of the Love and Singular true affection wch. I Bare unto my Godson Rob<sup>t</sup>. Payne Junior, sone of Rob<sup>t</sup>. Payne Senn<sup>r</sup>. of the same County Doe for me my heires Executors & Admrs. freely Absolutely give grant and Assigne over and Deliver into the Hands of Rob<sup>t</sup>. Payne Junior as his owne P<sup>p</sup>. Estate one mare Filly called Rose, &c." ("Rappahannock County Book of Deeds, &c., No. 3," pp. 503-04.)

The above Robert Payne, Sr., under the assumed name of Robert Davis, married, prior to September 11, 1666, Elizabeth Lawson, born 1652, the daughter of Epaphroditus Lawson and wife, Elizabeth.

On September 20, 1666, Robert Payne, Sr., came into Court and after declaring that he had lived under the name of Robert Davis for the past five years, during which period he had married a wife, transacted business and had also acted as a public officer in the Court of Rappahannock County, that now "desiring to undeceive the world," asked to be allowed to resume his true surname of Payne. The Court being satisfied with the reasons he gave for assuming the name of Davis, granted his request, and ordered "that the right and true surname of the sd person hitherto called Davis and of his wife and issue (when he shall have any) is and shall be from henceforth called, accepted and taken to be Payne."<sup>9</sup>

The following year, as we learn from a document of record dated May 15, 1667, Captain Alexander Fleming conveys to Robert Payne, Sr., Clerk of the Court of Rappahannock County, one-half part of 2,750 acres of land "in the Freshes of Rappa. River & on the Backe of Portobacco Indian Lyne." ("Rappahannock County Deeds, &c., No. 3," pp. 399-400.)

The will of Robert Payne, Sr., Gent., of Rappahannock County, dated March 21, 1671, and recorded on page 187 of "Will Book No. 1," November 4, 1675, stipulates that if his wife, Elizabeth Payne, should die without heirs other than their son, Robert Payne, Jr., and should he die without lawful issue, "my will is that William Clapham Alexia Fleming and Mary Clapham enjoy all and singular my lands equally to be divided between them and their heirs forever."

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9. "William & Mary College Quarterly," Second Series, Vol. XIII, No. 4, p. 249.

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To attempt to correct the statement made by so accomplished a genealogist as Mr. C. A. Hoppin, that Robert Payne, Sr., married Elizabeth Fleming, daughter of Alexander Fleming, might render the writer liable to the criticism that—"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." But it is not possible that Robert Payne, Sr., could have married Elizabeth, the daughter of Captain Alexander Fleming and wife, Joyce, as at that date (1666) she had not been born. But he *did* marry the stepdaughter of Captain Alexander Fleming—Elizabeth Lawson—as is shown by a deed dated 2 February, 1667, and recorded on pages 407-12, "Deed Book No. 3," Rappahannock County, Virginia, which states that the wife of Robert Payne was a daughter of Epaphroditus Lawson.<sup>10</sup>

The following power of attorney reveals the fact that Captain Alexander Fleming was alive in the latter part of the year 1668:

November 3, 1668, Elizabeth Chetwood, wife of Thomas Chetwood, of Lancaster County, Virginia, appoints her friend Captain Alexander Fleming of Rappahannock County her attorney to sell 800 acres of land assigned to her husband by William Ball, Gent., of Lancaster County, being formerly patented between said Chetwood and William Ball. ("Rappahannock County Deeds, &c., No. 3," p. 526.)

In those days of constancy and fidelity, Joyce remained the wife of Captain Alexander Fleming until his death, which occurred at some time between the third day of November, 1668, and the thirteenth day of March, 1668/9;<sup>11</sup> therefore it does not seem probable

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10. Mr. Hoppin also states in "The Washington Ancestry," Vol. I, p. 136, that the will of "Robert Payne, Gentleman, Senior, of Rappahannock (now Essex) County, Virginia, dated March 21, 1671, proved November 4, 1675, reveals that his sister Mary and his relative Joyce were then married, for he provides that if his wife Elizabeth (daughter of Alexander Fleming) dies, and their son Robert, Junior, dies without lawful issue, 'my will is that William Clapham, Alexia Fleming & Mary Clapham enjoy all and singular my lands,' etc." There is nothing in the will that "reveals" that Joyce was a relative. Of all those whose writings I have consulted, none seems to have known that Joyce Fleming was the widow of Anthony Hoskins, of Accomac County, when she married Captain Alexander Fleming. Nor was Mary Clapham the *sister* of Robert Payne, Sr. She was his wife's *half-sister*; a deed of gift made October 4, 1667, by Robert Payne, Gent. Sr., of Rappahannock County, "for love and affection I Bare unto Mary ye daughter of Mr. William Clapham, Junr., Decd.," proves that the unborn "little infant" mentioned in the will of William Clapham, Jr., was christened —Mary Clapham. ("Rappahannock County Deeds, &c., No. 3," p. 274.)

Colonel Brooke Payne, in "The Payne Family of Virginia," says that William Clapham, born 1653, son of William Clapham, Jr., and wife Elizabeth, married Mary, daughter of Silvester Thatcher. This statement sounds plausible, but I have not verified it; Silvester Thatcher lived neighbor to Captain Alexander Fleming, stepfather of William Clapham.

11. The approximate date of the death of Captain Alexander Fleming is given in a quaintly worded deed of gift from the Rev. Francis Doughty, to his wife, Ann. ("Virginia Magazine of History," Vol. V, pp. 289-90.)



"John Deane & William Clapham both of Richmond County having married the two only daughters of Mr. Silvester Thatcher of the County of Rapp<sup>a</sup> now Richmond County, dec<sup>d</sup> & by the last will & Testament of s<sup>d</sup> Thatcher was vested in certain Land containing 1050 acres situated on south side of Rappahannock River in Rapp<sup>a</sup> now Essex County and upon Portobacco Swamp which land was lapsed & by us above Deane & Clapham taken up again according to law and now is in copartnership between us the sd Deane & Clapham. Consideration 500 sterling money of England sd bond to divide sd Land ac<sup>d</sup> sd will 10 December, 1692."



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that she could have been married to Captain Lawrence Washington in 1667/8, as stated by the Reverend Horace Hayden, in his "Virginia Genealogies," page 518.

From a deed of record in Rappahannock County, Virginia, we learn that Captain Alexander Fleming died testate. The writer has been unable to locate his will. He left "Westfalia" to his wife, Joyce Fleming, to dispose of as she pleased. The following deed reveals that Joyce with this large estate did not long remain a widow. She married, as her *third* husband, Captain Lawrence Washington, who emigrated from England to Virginia with his brother, John Washington, *circa* 1657.<sup>12</sup> Later, he returned to England, where he married, January 26, 1660, Mary, daughter of Edward Jones, of Luton, Gent. After her death, leaving his daughter, Mary, to the care of her grandparents, Lawrence Washington returned to Virginia,<sup>13</sup> before March 23, 1664/5, being claimed as a head-right at this time, by Colonel Gerrard Fowke and Richard Haiberd:<sup>14</sup>

FEBRUARY 6, 1671/2.

I Lawrence Washington of the County of Rappahannock, Gent., have with the consent of Joyce my wife and for the consideration of two thousand four hundred pounds of good sound merchantable Tobacco and Cask paid by Samuel Morris of the same county conveys to him all our Right title and Interest of Two hundred acres of land formerly Captain Alexander Fleming's and by him sold and assigned to John Thomizine and from him assigned to me the said Lawrence Washington as the records of this County may make appear w<sup>ch</sup> is one-half of four hundred Acres of Land assigned as aforesaid . . . . unto Samuel Morris . . . . the said two hundred acres being part of a greater tract of Two thousand seven hundred and Fifty acres lying in the ffreshes of Rapp<sup>a</sup>. on the South Side, the said land being called Westfalia

LAWRENCE WASHINGTON seal

Witness:

Signum

CORNELIUS WOOD

JOYCE  $\neq$  WASHINGTON seal

WILLIAM CLAPHAM

Know all men that I Joyce Washington of Rapp<sup>a</sup> County do make ordaine Constitute and appoint my loving friend Robert Payne of

12. Sparks: "Life of Washington," p. 505.

13. Hayden: "Virginia Genealogies," p. 518. Waters: "Genealogical Gleanings in England," p. 409.

14. Nugent: "Cavaliers and Pioneers," p. 446.



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the same county my True and Lawful Att<sup>y</sup>. for me and in my name to acknowledge a Certain Parcell of Land as by deed may more at Large appear unto Samuel Morris of the same Place to him and his heirs and assigns for ever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1673.

Witness:

CORNELIUS WOOD  
ENOCH DOUGHTY

Signum

JOYCE  $\equiv$  WASHINGTON

(“Rappahannock County Deed Book 5, 1672-75,” pp. 142-44.)

Elizabeth Hoskins, daughter of Anthony and Joyce (Jones~~X~~) Hoskins, and stepdaughter of Captain Lawrence Washington, married Cornelius Wood,<sup>15</sup> not later than October 7, 1673, for at that date, as his wife, she joined with him in a deed of conveyance to Lewis Loyd, to which Lawrence Washington was a witness. On March 4, 1673, she gave a power of attorney to “my loving father-in-law [stepfather] Lawrence Washington,” to acknowledge her release of dower in the land sold by her husband, Cornelius Wood. This land was part of 560 acres that Elizabeth Hoskins had patented in Rappahannock County and deserted and was granted to Lt.-Col. John Washington, of Westmoreland County, who sold same to Cornelius Wood, as the following transcripts of the records disclose:

“Be it known unto all men by These presents that I John Washington of Washington parish in Westmoreland county Gent. do make ordaine Constitute and appoint my loving friend George Jones<sup>16</sup> of Sittingbourne parish Rapp<sup>a</sup>. County my True and Lawful Attorney for to acknowledge a parcell of land containing five hundred and Sixty acres lying and being in the Freshes of Rapp<sup>a</sup> County w<sup>ch</sup> I lately petitioned for to the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>r</sup> William Berkeley, Kn<sup>t</sup>. and Governour of Virginia and was by him granted unto Elizabeth Hoskins daughter of Anthony Hoskins late of Accomacke deceased to her and her heirs forever as witness my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> of Decm<sup>b</sup> 1671—

Witnesses:

JOHN WATTS  
his mark

JOHN WASHINGTON seal

JAMES  $\times$  FUELLIN”

(“Rappahannock County Deed Book, No. 5,” p. 15.)

15. Mr. C. A. Hoppin erroneously states in “The Washington Ancestry,” Vol. I, p. 162, that “Cornelius Wood was the husband of Elizabeth (Fleming) Wood, daughter of Alexander Fleming, then deceased, whose widow Joyce (——) Fleming was then the wife of Lawrence, the brother of John Washington.”

16. George Jones married Honoria, widow of Major John Weir. (“Rappahannock County Deed Book No. 5,” p. 100.)



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“To all to whom &c. now know y<sup>e</sup> &c. That I S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Berkeley Kn<sup>t</sup>. &c. do with the consent & advice of the Council &c. give & grant unto L<sup>t</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> John Washington five hundred and sixty acres of Land in the Freshes of Rapp<sup>a</sup>. about two miles from the River side beginning at a white oake neare a branch side of a Creeke Called Coghill thence running into the woods for length by a line of Trees that parts this land and the Lands of Bath<sup>o</sup> Gilson . . . . neare Land of M<sup>r</sup> Robert Payne thence . . . . the said Land being due to said Washington as followeth Viz<sup>t</sup>. being formerly granted to Capt. Alexander Fleming by patent dated the fourth of September 1667 and by the said Fleming sold to Elizabeth Hoskins and by hir deserted & is now granted by order of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court dated the 2<sup>d</sup> of October 1671 and is further due by Transporting of Eleven persons into this Colony . . . whose names are on the Records mentioned underneath this Pattent To have and to hold the said Land w<sup>th</sup> his due Share of all mines & minerals therein Contained w<sup>th</sup> all—Rights and priveledges of hawking hunting fishing & fouling w<sup>th</sup> all woods waters Rivers w<sup>th</sup> all profitts Commodities & hereditaments whatsoever to the said Land belonging to him the said Washington his heirs and assigns forever in as Large & ample manner to all intents & purposes as is Exprest in a Charter of orders from the Late Treasurer & Company dated 15<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>ber</sup> 1618 or by Consequence may be justly Collected out of the same or out of the Letters Pattented whereon they are granted to be . . . . held of our Sovereign Lord the King his heirs & Successors as of his Manour of East Greenw<sup>ch</sup> in free and Common Socage and not in Capite or by Knites Service yealding to our Sovereign Lord the King his heirs & Successors for every fifty acres of Land hereby granted yearly at the feast of S<sup>t</sup>. Michael Archangle the fee rent of one shilling which payment is to be made yearly From yeare to yeare according to his Majesties Instructions of the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 1662 provided that if the s<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> Washington doe not Seate or plant or Cause to be seated or planted on the said Land within three years next Ensuing then it Shall be Lawfull for any adventurer or planter to make Choice & plant on the same given under my hand & seale of the Collony the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1673

Test Cl

PHILL LUDWELL” **1307951** W<sup>m</sup>. BERKELEY seal

“Know all men by these presents that I L<sup>t</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> John Washington of Westmoreland County for a Valuable Consideration Received of Cornelius Wood of Rapp<sup>a</sup>. County doe assigne all my Rightes title and Interest of this Pattent and the land therein Contained unto the s<sup>d</sup> Cornelius Wood his heirs and assigns forever and doe warrant the said Land from me my heirs Executor<sup>s</sup>. Administ<sup>rs</sup>. & Assigns forever from any Claime or Claimes by from or under me my heirs

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Execur<sup>s</sup>. Adminr<sup>s</sup>. or Assignes In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seale this 4<sup>th</sup> of March An<sup>o</sup> Dom<sup>i</sup> 1673.

Witness:

JOHN WASHINGTON seal

DANIEL GAINES

JOHN ROSIER"

("Rappahannock County Deed Book, No. 5," pp. 262, 264, 266.)

Apparently Cornelius Wood had died before the first of the year 1677/78, as on January 1, 1677/78, Elizabeth Wood, of Rappahannock County, made a deed of gift:

"To my beloved daughter, Cordelia Wood for love and affection I give all my interest in my estate on the South Side of Rappahannock River—380 acres—and a grey mare branded E by the name of Lamb and two heifers to her, her heirs, &c.

ELIZABETH E W WOOD Her Mark."

(Rappahannock County Loose Papers, Box 101—A—.)

Captain Lawrence Washington, husband of Joyce (Jones?-Hoskins-Fleming) Washington, died in 1677. His will, of record in Rappahannock County, reads as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen I Lawrence Washington of the County of Rapp<sup>ac</sup>. being sick & weak in body but of sound and perfect memory do make and ordaine this my last will & testament hereby revoaking annulling & making void all former Wills and Codicills heretofore by me made either by word or writing & this only to be taken for my last will & testament Imp<sup>rs</sup>. I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping and trusting through the mercy of Jesus Christ my one Savio<sup>r</sup>. and redeemer to receive full pardon & forgiveness of all my sinnes and my body to the earth to be buried in a comely & decent manner by my Executrix hereafter named & for my wordly (*sic*) goods I thus dispose them Item I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter Mary Washington my whole estate in England both reall & personall to her & the heirs of her body lawfully begotten for ever to be delivered into her possession immediately after my decease by my Executrix hereafter named. I give and bequeath unto my afores<sup>d</sup> daughter Mary Washington my smallest stone ring and one Silver cup now in my possession to her and her heirs for ever to be delivered to her immediately after my decease. I give and bequeath unto my loving son John Washington all my bookes to him and his heirs for ever to be delivered to him when he shall come to the age of Twenty one yeares. I give and bequeath unto my Son John and Daughter Ann Washington all the rest of my



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plate but what is before exprest to be equally divided between them and delivered into their possession when they come of age. Item my will is that all my debts which of right and Justice I owe to any man be Justly and truely paid as also my funerall expences after which my will is that all my whole estate both reall and personall be equally divided between my loving wife Jone [Joyce] Washington and the two children god hath given me by her Viz<sup>t</sup> John and Ann Washington. I give and bequeath it all to them and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten for ever, my sonnes part to be delivered to him when he comes of age, and my daughters part when she Comes of age or day of mariage which shall first happen. Item my will is that land which became due to me in right of my wife lying on the south side of the river formerly belonging to Cap<sup>t</sup> Alexander Fleming and comonly known by the name of West fialco [Westfalia] be sold by my Executrix hereafter named for the payment of my debts immediately after my decease. Item my will is that the land I have formerly entred with Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Mosely be forthwith after my decease surveyed and pattented by my Exec<sup>x</sup> hereafter named and if it shall amount to the quantity of one thousand acres then I give and bequeath unto Alexander Barrow two hundred acres of the sd land to him and his heirs for ever the remainder I give and bequeath unto my loving wife afores<sup>d</sup> and two Children to them and their heires for ever to be equally divided between them. Item my will is that if it shall please God to take my daughter Mary out of this world before she comes of age or have heirs of hir body lawfully begotten then I give and bequeath my land in England which by my will I have given to her unto my son John Washington and his heires and the psonall estate which I have given to hir I give and bequeath the same unto my daughter Ann Washington and her heires for ever. Item I do hereby make and ordain my loving wife Jone [Joyce] Washington Executrix of this my last will and testament to see it performed and I do hereby make and appoint my dear and loving brother Coll<sup>o</sup> John Washington and my loving friend Thomas Hawkins (in case of the death or neglect of my Executrix) to be the overseers and guardians of my Children untill they come of age to the truth whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale this 27<sup>th</sup> of September 1675.

LAWRENCE WASHINGTON seale

Signed Sealed and declared  
to be his last will & testam<sup>t</sup>. in  
the p<sup>r</sup>sence of us

CORNELIUS WOOD

sign

JOHN B BARROW

HENRY TANDY JUN<sup>R</sup>

A Codicill of the last will &  
testament of Lawrence Washing-  
ton annex to his will and made  
Septemb<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1675 Item my will  
is that my part of the land I now

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live upon which became due to me by marriage of my wife, I leave it wholly & solely to her disposal after my decease as Witness my hand the day and year above written

LAWRENCE WASHINGTON    seale

Signed, Sealed & declared  
to be a Codicill of my last will & testam<sup>t</sup>  
in the p<sup>r</sup>sence of us

CORNELIUS WOOD

HENRY TANDY JUN<sup>R</sup>

The above named Henry Tandy jun<sup>r</sup> aged 17 yeares or thereabouts sworn & examined saith that he did see the abovenamed Lawrence Washington Sign, Seale, & publish the above mentioned to be his last will & testament and that he was in perfect sence and memory at the Signing Sealing & publishing thereof to the best of your dep<sup>o</sup>nents Judgment

HENRY TANDY

Juratis est Henricus Tandy in Cur Com Rapp<sup>ac</sup> Sexto die Junij An<sup>o</sup> 1677 p Sacrum p<sup>r</sup>d probat et recordat<sup>r</sup>.

Test       EDM<sup>O</sup> CRASKE Cl. Cur.

(“Rappahannock County Book of Wills, Deeds, &c., No. 1,” p. 219.)

On March 25, 1677, Joyce Washington appeared in Rappahannock Court and placed on record the mark of her son John Washington's cattle, which was a swallow fork on the right ear and a poplar leaf on the left ear. Recorded 18 July, 1677. (“Rappahannock County Book of Deeds, &c., No. 6,” p. 7.)

At some time between March 25, 1677, and April 7, 1677, Joyce Washington married, as her fourth husband, James Yates, whom she apparently predeceased, as his will, dated January 9, 1685, and proved March 3, 1685, makes no mention of a wife:

“Know all men by these p<sup>r</sup>sents that I James Yates of the County of Rapp<sup>ac</sup> planter doe acknowledge my Selfe Justly to be indebted unto John Washington Jun<sup>r</sup> of the Same County his heires or assignes in the Just Sume of one hundred pounds Sterling money of England, to be paid unto the said Washington his heires or assignes upon all demands. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seale this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill 1677.

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above s<sup>d</sup> James Yates shall relinquish att his decease the right that he hath of one third part of the lands formerly belonging to Capt. Alexander Fleming dec<sup>d</sup>. & after to Ma<sup>jr</sup> Lawrence Washington dec<sup>d</sup>. & by them both given to Joyce Washington their wife to be by her disposed as she thinks



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fitt, the right he hath being now by marrying of her, & in case the above s<sup>d</sup> James Yates shall relinquish his rights to his wife to be disposed of by her as she shall think fitt that then this pr<sup>snt</sup> obligation to be Void or otherwise to Stand in full power force & Virtue. In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seal the day & yeare above written.

Sealed and delivered in the  
pr<sup>sence</sup> of us

JAMES YATES seal

CHRISTOPHER BLACKBOURNE

ROBERT PLEY

WILLIAM DACRES

Recordat<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>o</sup> die July An<sup>o</sup> 1677

Test EDM<sup>O</sup> CRASKE, Cl. Cur.

(“Rappahannock County Book of Deeds, &c., No. 6,” p. 7.)

In 1680, Anne Hoskins made a deed of gift to her half brother, John Washington:

“To all xpian people to whom these p<sup>r</sup>sents shall or may come Anne Hoskins of the County of Rapp<sup>ac</sup> Spinster Sendeth greeting in our Lord God Everlasting Know Yee that I y<sup>e</sup> sd Anne for diverse good Causes and Consideracons me hereunto Especially Moveing & for and in Consideracons of the naturall Love and affection I beare unto my Broth<sup>r</sup> John Washington of the s<sup>d</sup> County of Rapp<sup>ac</sup>. have given granted & for ever Confirmed unto the sd John Washington one mare Colt lately fallen of the gray Mare belonging and of Right appertaining unto me the sd Anne branded with A:H: to have & to hold the sd Mare Colte w<sup>th</sup> all her Increase to y<sup>e</sup> sd John Washington & his heires for ever Provided alwaies Notwithstanding this deed of gifte as aforesd that if it shall happen the sd John Washington to die within age & without Issue of his body Lawfully begotten or of full age & w<sup>th</sup>out Issue as aforesd that then the sd Mare Colt with all her Increase found at such his death shall Revert & Come back to y<sup>e</sup> sd Anne her heires Ex<sup>trs</sup>. admin<sup>rs</sup>. they or any of them to be possessed in the same Estate as she the sd Anne was before ensealing & delivery of these p<sup>r</sup>sents In witness where of y<sup>e</sup> sd Anne Hoskins hath hereunto sett her hand & Seale this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1680

ANNE A H HOSKINS Seale  
her mrke

Test

W<sup>M</sup> GANNOCK

ARTH<sup>R</sup> SPICER

Recordat<sup>r</sup> 3 die Junij an<sup>o</sup> 1680

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(“Rappahannock County Book of Deeds, &c., No. 6,” p. 111.)

## CAPTAIN ALEXANDER FLEMING AND JOYCE, HIS WIFE

According to Dr. W. G. Stanard, John Washington, son of Major Lawrence Washington and Joyce Washington, was born April 2, 1671. He married, March 15, 1692, Mary, daughter of Robert Townshend, of Stafford County, and granddaughter of Richard Townshend, Esq<sup>r</sup>., of York County, Member of the Council.<sup>17</sup>

Worthington C. Ford, in "Wills of George Washington, &c.," pages 25-26, says: "Among the *Washington Papers* I found a copy of a letter written by the son of Lawrence Washington, to his half-sister Mary, then residing in England. I give it in full:

VIRGINIA, June y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1699

DEAR & LOVING SISTER

I had the happiness to see a Letter which you sent to my Aunt Howard who died about a year and a half ago; I had heard of you by her before, but could not tell whether you were alive or not. It was truly great joy to hear that I had such a relation alive as yourself; not having any such a one by my Father's side as yourself. My Father had one Daughter by my Mother, who died when she was very young, before my remembrance. My Mother had three Daughters when my Father married her, one died last winter, and left four or five children, the other two are alive & married and have had several children. My Mother married another man after my Father, who spent all, so that I had not the value of twenty shillings of my Father's Estate, I being the youngest & therefore the weakest, which generally comes off short. But I thank God my Fortune has been pretty good since, as I have got a kind and loving wife by whom I have had three sons and a daughter, of which I have buried a daughter and one son. I am afraid I shall never have the happiness of seeing you, since it has pleased God to set us at such a distance, but hoping to hear from you by all opportunities, which you shall assuredly do from him that is,

Your ever loving Brother

till death

J<sup>N</sup><sup>O</sup> WASHINGTON

If you write to me direct yours to me in Stafford county, on Potomack River in Virginia. Vale.

To Mrs. Mary Gibson, living in Hawnes, in Bedf's. These sent with Care."

As regards the other children whose laughter and merriment rang through the halls of "Westfalia" in those dark and tragic days in Virginia:—

Ann Washington died in infancy.

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17. "Virginia Magazine of History," XXIII, 97.

## CAPTAIN ALEXANDER FLEMING AND JOYCE, HIS WIFE

Anne Hoskins may have been preparing for her wedding day when she made the deed of gift to her half-brother, John Washington.

Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Alexander Fleming and wife, Joyce, married Rowland Thornton, son of William Thornton, of Gloucester County. In May, 1701, the bond of Elizabeth Thornton, as administratrix of Rowland Thornton, of Richmond County, deceased, was recorded. They had a son, Francis Thornton, who died in King George County, in 1726, leaving a widow, Ann Thornton. ("William & Mary College Quarterly," First Series, IV, 90.)

Alexia, daughter of Captain Alexander and Elizabeth Fleming, married, not later than June 4, 1683, Thomas Pace, of Rappahannock County, for on that date she united with her husband in a deed to a plantation on the north side of Rappahannock River, then in the right of Thomas Pace and Alexia as part of Alexia's share of the estate of her deceased father, Captain Alexander Fleming, land given in his last will and testament to his daughter, Alexia, as also an equal part of 2,750 acres of land lying in the freshes of Rappahannock on the south side of the river, patented 17 April, 1667. ("Rappahannock County Deeds, &c., No. 7," p. 37.)

From the records of Richmond County is gleaned that Alexia Pace had died and on September 6, 1692, "Thomas Pace and Jane, his wife, and Rowland Thornton and Elizabeth, his wife, one of the daughters of Alexander Fleming—Alexia, late wife of Thomas Pace, being the other"—joined in a deed to Francis Thornton. ("William & Mary College Quarterly," First Series, XVII, 79.)

Alexander Fleming, who married Sarah, daughter of William Kenny, and was living in Richmond County, Virginia, January 3, 1692, may have been a son of Captain Alexander Fleming by his wife, Ursula, and perhaps there is a descendant and "heir-male of lineal descent," who could claim title to the Earldom of Wigton.

*I have since found  
they had a son  
Rowland Thornton  
Jr. Have not found  
more proof that  
they had a son  
Francis.  
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